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The site of an early waystation for overland emigrants to California and directly on the border with Mexico, Calexico's history is rich with travel stories of various kinds, and yet it was incorporated only a little over 100 years ago. In addition to its cultural heritage as a border town, one that is only a boundary line away from a major metropolis in Mexico, Calexico has long contributed to California's agricultural economy through its critical rail lines, cotton gins and ice plants for refrigerated rail cars, not to mention its early cattle industry. If you are looking for exciting local information resources in the [California History Section's](#) rich collections, then check out what we have for this city!

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ENJOY YOUR RESEARCH!

DIGITIZED RESOURCES

Can't come to the library just yet? No worries! There are a number of online resources you can explore related to Calexico!



Digitized Publications

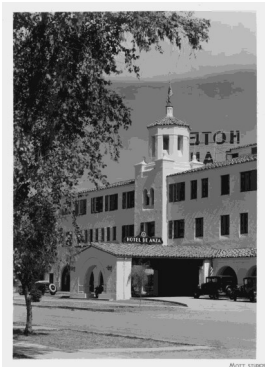
A few years ago we digitized some of our more fragile publications. You can now see documents related to Calexico on Internet Archive!



URL: <https://archive.org/>

Type in Search Box: (Calexico) AND collection:(californiastatelibary)

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Digitized Images

We have scanned and digitized a portion of our extensive photograph collection, including images related to Calexico. You can see them on Calisphere!

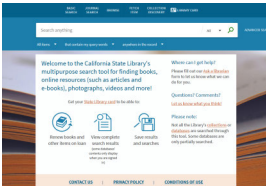


URL: <https://calisphere.org/institution/51/items/>

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GENERAL RESEARCH TIPS

While many of our materials are online, even more are only in hard-copy. You can use the following resources to learn about our Callexico resources.



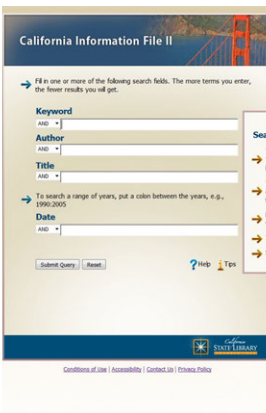
Catalog

If you are looking for Callexico materials your best source is our [catalog](#). You can do a general search on the catalog but also be sure to check out our specialized resources on page 7 of this research guide!



URL: [https://csl.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/search?](https://csl.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/search?vid=01CSL_INST:CSL&lang=en&sortby=rank)
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California Information File II

Sometimes the catalog doesn't provide as much detail as you might like. This is why we created the California Information File II, successor to the analog California Information File I. In this resource, you can find indexing to individual articles, as well as Callexico deeds, restaurant menus, pamphlets and more!

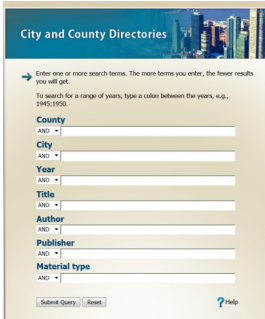


URL: <https://www.library.ca.gov/california-history/databases/cainfoii>

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GENERAL RESEARCH TIPS



City Directories

Looking for a person? How about the history of a location? You can trace this information and more via our city directories! See what we have by checking our specialized database.



URL: <https://www.library.ca.gov/california-history/databases/citycounty>

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Telephone Books

Are you not finding what you need in our city directory collection? No worries, you might find it in our telephone book collection. See what we have by checking our phone book database.



URL: <https://www.library.ca.gov/california-history/databases/phone>

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SPECIFIC RESOURCES IN OUR CATALOG

Calexico has a long and distinguished history! Check out our resources by type and by subject to learn more about this city's complex past!

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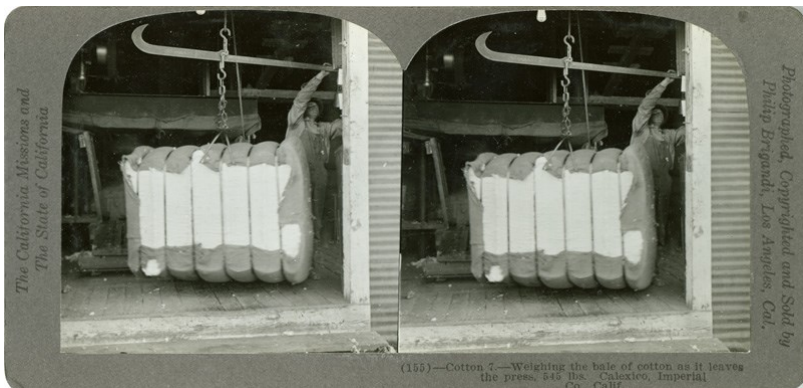
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ON-SITE RESEARCH RESOURCES

Our collection predates computers and so do some of our access points! If you are in the library, be sure to check the following analog files for leads on more resources.



California Information File

In the library? Check the California Information File before you do anything else! This file indexes over 130 years of California articles, books, and manuscript collections from a variety of counties.



Subject Headings: Counties: Imperial: Calexico



Map File

Looking for a Calexico map? Our map file is a great place to start. We have a wide variety of maps, including Sanborn fire insurance maps. Some of our maps cover settlement patterns and even natural history.



Subject Headings: Imperial County



Photographic File

Sometimes a picture is worth a 1000 words and not all of our pictures are online. To check the rest of the collection search our picture file card catalog.



Subject Headings: Counties: Imperial: Calexico

OTHER ON-SITE RESOURCES

Despite our best efforts, some of our resources defy complete description. We suggest that you ask a librarian about Calexico information contained in the following resources.



Vertical Files

Our massive collection of vertical files covers a wide variety of topics including individual cities. You can check them for pamphlets, certificates and even posters related to organizations, individuals, and area histories.



Subject Headings: Counties: Imperial: Calexico



Postcard Files

Separate from our photo collection, our postcard collection contains a number of images related to Calexico. Most are not online.



Subject Headings: Counties: Imperial: Calexico

OTHER PLACES TO LOOK

Of course, the California History Section doesn't have everything, so we suggest that in addition to looking at our collections, you contact the following organizations



Other California State Library Sections

[Government Publications Section](#)

[Witkin Law Library](#)

[Sutro Library](#)

[General Information](#)



URLs:

- <http://www.library.ca.gov/government-publications/>
 - <http://www.library.ca.gov/law/>
 - <http://www.library.ca.gov/sutro/>
 - <https://www.library.ca.gov/services>
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Other Organizations

[Library Arts and Historical Board](#)

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[Imperial Valley Desert Museum](#)

[County Clerk Recorder](#)



URLs:

- https://www.calexico.ca.gov/index.asp?SEC=8EC515C6-224F-4B3D-9DE3-82E4C03228E9&DE=F29E0214-6C81-4C66-BCD1-E6BF14971282&Type=B_BASIC
 - <https://calexicolibrary.org/>
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 - <https://recorder.imperialcounty.org/>
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